

REMARKS

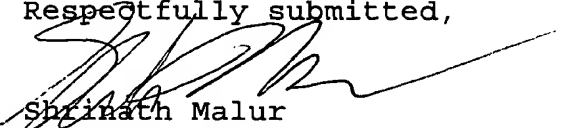
Claims 20, 23 and 24 have been amended. New claims 106-110 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 7-10, 13, 20-32, 34, 36-38, 40-42 and 44-110 are currently pending in the application.

Applicant elects the invention defined by the Examiner as Group II. In addition, Applicant elects the species defined by the Examiner as A(a) and B(a). Claims 1-4, 7, 17, 20-24, 89, 90 and 110 are readable on the elected species. Claim 20, as amended, is generic.

Applicant wishes to remind the Examiner that claims 26-28, 32 and 38 have been examined and allowed as indicated in an Office Action mailed October 23, 2001. Applicant requests the Examiner to acknowledge the allowed status of these claims in the next Office Action.

The Examiner is also invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues in order to speed the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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